

On The Go

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Your Help is Needed for Census Participation

The Iowa Commission on Latino Affairs has partnered with the US Census Bureau, the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute and the United States Council on Latino Affairs to ensure an accurate count of Latinos in Iowa. April 1st was National Census Day and according to the most preliminary report there is much more that needs to be done to ensure a complete count.

The results of the Census play a key role in determining funding for the placement of schools, roads, hospitals, and childcare, among other things. The results also contribute to attaining social service programs based on current local and state population. As representatives of Latino Affairs offices across the country, we are committed to working with the U.S. Census Bureau Office to ensure a full count of our Latino communities in 2010 and thus effectively meeting the needs of our Latino constituents.

We need your assistance! As a community leader, your support of this effort is important to the success of the Census.

How can you help?

- Send an email to everyone in your contact list reminding them to mail back their census forms
- Contact radio stations and TV networks and deliver a message to your community members on the importance of being counted
- Organize a canvassing group in your own city, knock on doors of Latino households and ask them to mail back the form TODAY!
- Talk to your priests or pastors and ask them to encourage their churchgoers to fill out the form ASAP
- Contact Latino student organization at colleges and universities and engage them in this important effort
- Make phone calls to your Latino constituents
- Speak about the importance of the census in your networks and public events
- Host U.S. Census representatives at your office or organization and plan an informational event for the community

Chair's Corner

It has come to our attention that several immigration detentions have been conducted in Iowa. If you have been detained by ICE within the last 6 months or know someone who has been impacted by ICE, we would like to hear your story. Those interested can contact Sandra Sanchez at (515) 274-4851 ext. 11 or me, Melissa Esquivel at (515) 281-7015.

Thanks for your help.

Upcoming Events:

- The Secrets to Finding a Job April 14, 2-5pm
- Diversity Conference April 16, 8am-4pm
- Creating a Community Where All Youth Can Succeed April 19, 7pm
- WOCAN Lunch & Learn April 22, noon - 2pm
- Baby Health Fair April 24, 10am - 2pm
- A Summit to Advance Women and Girls April 29-30
- Planned Parenthood of the Heartland Annual Event, May 4
- Census 2010 Roundtable May 7, 10:30am - noon
- HOLA Legal Clinic May 10, 5:30 - 7:30pm
- Conversation about Cancer in Latino Community May 11, 11:30am - 12:30pm
- Reducing Unintended Pregnancies in Iowa's Latino Population May 13, 10am - 4:30pm

Educate Yourself:

- Health Reform for Latinos
- Low Hispanic College Graduation Rates Threaten U.S. Attainment Goals
- If Parents Don't Speak English Well
- Latinos and the 2010 Census: The Foreign Born Are More Positive
- Food Processing Companies Need to Treat Workers Like Humans, Not Machines

Census 2010 Countdown

Only 4 Days Left To Mail Back Your Census Form!

You must stand up and be counted if your community is to get its fair share of over \$400 billion....

When you fill out and mail back your census form, you're making a statement about what resources your community needs.

Accurate data reflecting changes in your community is crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and in deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated for projects like new hospitals and schools.

That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period for things like new roads and schools, and services like job training centers.

Telephone Questionnaire Assistance (TQA)

- ENGLISH - 1-866-872-6868
- Spanish: 1-866-928-2010
- TDD (Telephone Display Device for the hearing impaired): 1-866-783-2010
- Puerto Rico (in English): 1-866-939-2010
- Puerto Rico (in Spanish): 1-866-929-2010

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know of any woman currently undergoing chemo, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - 1 time per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. 'Cleaning for a Reason' will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange the service. Please pass this information on to people who know of any women going through any type of cancer treatment. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. Pass the word and let them know that there are people out there who care.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org>

Free Colonoscopies for Uninsured Men and Women

John Stoddard Cancer Center, in collaboration with area physicians and clinics, will be providing free colonoscopies to uninsured men and women in the central Iowa area. The free colonoscopies are for men and women age 50 — 64 who do not have health insurance and who do not have any symptoms of colorectal cancer. Early diagnosis is key to treating cancer and increases the chance of survival.

Scope it Out: Free Colonoscopy Day”

Saturday, April 24

If you or someone you know may qualify for this screening, please call (515) 241-4141 to register. Participants must meet qualifying criteria and registration is required.

Cinco de Mayo Activities

Many organizations and areas will be having Cinco de Mayo activities. If you would like to promote your activity in our May newsletter, please send an email to carolina.manjarrez@iowa.gov or melissa.esquivel@iowa.gov.



Mobile Consulate in Muscatine on April 24th

The Consulate of Mexico is pleased to inform a **Mobile Consulate** will be held on **Saturday, April 24th, 2010** in **Muscatine, IA** from 8:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. at “**Eastern Iowa Community College District**,” located at 152 Colorado St., Muscatine, IA 52761.

The purpose of this Mobile Consulate is to benefit the Mexican community living the area of Muscatine to obtain their Mexican Passports and Consular ID. In addition, consular representatives will inform the community about their services and activities.

For more information, click [here](#).

Governor Culver Signs Teacher Diversity Bill at D.M. Elementary School

DES MOINES – In front of an auditorium full of students at Des Moines’ Moulton Elementary, Governor Chet Culver today signed legislation aimed at increasing diversity among Iowa’s teachers.

“As a former teacher and coach, I believe the values of diversity, respect, and cultural awareness and acceptance should be honored every day, especially among our young people,” Governor Culver said. “To help strengthen this ethic of acceptance, and to help educate our young people, it is my privilege to sign House File 2432, a bill whose goal is train and recruit more individuals from minority backgrounds into the teaching profession.”

House File 2432 requires representatives of the Department of Education, area education agencies and public and private colleges and universities to study opportunities for recruiting and retaining racial and ethnic minority teachers. The representatives are given three specific issues to examine: strategies to encourage racial and ethnic minority students to enter the teaching profession, methods to recruit these racial and ethnic minority students into attending an Iowa college or university teacher preparatory program, and strategies to recruit racial and ethnic minority teachers to continue their careers as school administrators in Iowa.

The Board of Regents will provide staff support to the study group. The representatives will report their findings to the General Assembly by Jan. 10, 2011.

Healthcare 411 en Español

Healthcare 411 en Español is a new audio news series that provides Spanish speakers with evidence-based consumer information. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is producing two 60-second audio reports each month to help Spanish-speakers stay healthy, prevent diseases, compare the effectiveness of various medical treatments, and obtain high-quality and safe healthcare. AHRQ distributes these reports to Spanish-language radio stations nationwide and posts the audio on its Healthcare 411 website, where consumers can subscribe and download the segments to a computer or portable media device.

The new initiative is part of a broader effort by AHRQ to reduce health disparities by providing information to Spanish-speaking Americans about their health and health care. Other elements in the effort include:

- *Consejos de salud para tí* (Health Advice for You), a monthly online health advice column
- *Staying Active and Healthy With Blood Thinners*, a 10-minute bilingual video about the safe and effective use of blood thinner drugs
- *Superhéroes*, a multimedia Spanish-language public service advertising campaign developed in partnership with Ad Council that urges Latinos to get the preventive health care tests they need

These and other resources for Spanish-speakers can be found at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/CONSUMER/espanoix.htm>. You can access Healthcare 411 in English at: www.healthcare411.ahrq.gov.

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Iowa Division of Latino Affairs: On the Go newsletter is sent monthly with up-to-date information on the agency, activities and upcoming events to keep our constituents informed. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

The Office of Latino Affairs is legislatively mandated to promote and advocate for Iowa Latinos.

Classes Offered

- Adult English Language Learners Classes offered at Carver Community School in Des Moines
- Spanish Parenting Classes in Des Moines
- New Iowan Center in Des Moines (Free Classes in Spanish) Each computer class will last 2 days and a new class will start every week. On Wednesdays we will teach the basics for getting on the internet, searching for jobs, and opening an email account. On Thursdays we will use Word to create a resume.

Grant Opportunities

- Corporation for National and Community Service announces funding to help nonprofits

Paid Research Opportunity

Research is being conducted in the African American, Latina, and Asian communities about the impact of a mother's death on her adult boomer (born between 1946 and 1964) daughter who was at least age 21 at the time of her mother's death.

Each eligible participant who meets with me and completes the study will be paid \$25.

- Participant needs to be born between January 1, 1946 and December 31, 1964
- Participant was at least 21 years old when her mother died
- Interviews are conducted face to face and tape recorded
- Will only come to your home, your office, or meet at a library to conduct the interview
- Interviews generally take about 90 minutes
- Confidentiality is strictly maintained.

If interested please contact Carol at carolgosselink@missouristate.edu or call 417-380-2804 .

Volunteers Needed NOW for Polk County Mental Health Response Team

The **Polk County Mental Health Response Team** is looking for committed and caring volunteers. This team is made up of mental health professionals, para-professionals and citizens to provide emotional support to individuals within Polk County at times of disaster and critical incidents. If you possess the ability to maintain confidentiality, have outstanding listening skills and are an excellent communicator, this may be the volunteer opportunity for you! Volunteers must be 18 years and older to apply. An interview and background check is required. **Call Polk County Health Services at 243-4545 and leave your name and phone number.**

Scholarships / Internships

- Roll Back Campaign People ages fourteen through eighteen can participate in the contest by submitting an original written or visual entry (either a drawing, photograph or cartoon) responding to the following question: **"What does equality mean to you?"** Deadline: April 27, 2010
- NCLR - Best Buy Emerging Latino Leaders Scholarship High school seniors of Hispanic descent currently enrolled in high school (with a minimum GPA of 2.0) can participate. Application Deadline: April 30, 2010
- Hope Initiative Scholarship Program Scholarships of \$1,500 each to students between the ages of 17 and 25 who demonstrate exemplary dedication to service in their communities. Deadline Application: May 1, 2010
- Greater Iowa Community Credit Union Scholarship A \$500 scholarship awarded at the Latino Heritage Festival in September for Latino students. Deadline Application: May 28, 2010
- Latino Heritage Festival Scholarship Any qualified Latino senior who is planning on attending a college or university can submit an application. Application Deadline: May 30, 2010
- Helping Students Navigate the Path to College: What High Schools Can Do (IES Practice Guide)

Resources

- Women's Mental Health: What it Means to You
- Supreme Court Decision Protects Right to Immigration Advice